

Now Britain plans death-ray bombs

By Chapman Pincher

NEUTRON bombs —miniature battle-field H-bombs which kill by death rays instead of by blast and fire — are to be made in Britain.

This is the secret behind the Government decision to start large-scale manufacture of tritium, an essential ingredient in Neutron bombs.

Until now the U.S. has supplied the Defence Ministry with the small amounts of tritium, a super-heavy form of hydrogen, needed to top up the strategic H-bomb war-



Ian Gilmour

heads of the Navy's 64 Polaris missiles.

But following revolutionary advances in nuclear weapons technology, large amounts of tritium could now be needed for a whole new range of tactical Neutron weapons.

Defence Secretary Roy Mason has confirmed that the new tritium supplies are not for a successor to Polaris, but has been so reluctant to

Tories set to back 'courageous' decision

divulge the real reason that Mr. Ian Gilmour, the Shadow Defence Secretary, has written asking for an explanation.

The Tories intend to support the decision if it is publicly confirmed and if elected to office they will press ahead with neutron bomb production.

The move will cause an uproar among Labour's Left-wingers and nuclear disarmers, even though Neutron weapons could greatly reduce civilian casualties and

devastation to non-military property in a nuclear war. Britain's defence chiefs regard the Government's decision to create the options to make Neutron weapons as 'very courageous in view of Left-wing opposition to all nuclear weapons.'

Neutron bombs, officially known as enhanced radiation weapons, release up to 80 per cent of their total power as an intense burst of nuclear particles and gamma rays, so penetrating that they are lethal to soldiers even in heavy tanks.

Fall-out

But they do minimum damage to buildings and leave so little radio-active fall-out that troops can enter a combat zone within 10 minutes.

By exploding them about 1,000ft. up, blast and fire effects are virtually eliminated, and only the death rays operate.

The Germans have strenuously objected to the use of ordinary nuclear weapons by their allies to stem a Russian assault.

So the introduction of American Neutron weapons into NATO stockpiles is now the most pressing issue of the Nuclear Planning Group.

Last night Air Vice Marshal Stewart Menaul, the nuclear expert who directs the Royal United Service Institution in Whitehall, said: "Neutron bombs have existed in theory for years, but now they are practicable and are being made."

'Asian flood' warning as more fly in

By John Jones

THE TRICKLE of Asian immigrants from Malawi could turn into a flood.

The warning came yesterday from Mr. Praful Patel, secretary of the All-Party Committee on U.K. Citizenship.

His statement — was made as 61 Malawi Asians arrived at Gatwick Airport.

Mr. Patel said 170 have arrived since Friday and another 130 are expected by tomorrow.

And he added that he had reason to fear that President Hastings Banda was planning a Uganda-style mass expulsion of the 6,800 Asian British passport-holders.

Lodgings

Mr. Patel stressed: "None of the latest arrivals needed local authority assistance and no families have been put into hotels."

Earlier this month two immigrant families from Malawi were put into a four-star hotel before being moved into cheaper lodgings.

The 61 who arrived on Sunday were from the Ghan community, mainly professional people.

Happy landing for Anne but a shock for mother



Princess Anne on Mardi Gras yesterday

Express Staff Reporter

A MOMENT of tension for Princess Anne as she takes her horse Mardi Gras into a jump...

But she landed safe and well, though was unplaced in the event at the Midland Bank Horse Trials at Wellesbourne, Warwickshire yesterday.

No so lucky was a horse at the Royal Windsor Horse Show which collapsed and fell to the ground, apparently dead just seconds after the Queen had presented prizes in a horse-drawn carriage event.

A vet ran to give the horse, one of a pair, an injection. At once it started and the animal with blankets.

Stricken

The Queen, obviously shocked, looked on as her equerry, 55-year-old Lt. Col. Sir John Miller, rushed from her side to aid the stricken animal.

He slapped the horse on the face, and it struggled to its feet.

Then the horse—a bay gelding owned by Danish Mr. Edward Palm Griesen—seemed to falter again.

It was led away out of the arena to be examined by the vet, and was then pushed off in an Army horsebox.

Later show spokesman said: "The horse apparently became over excited and collapsed. It has now fully recovered."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "Colonel Miller knows an awful lot about horses. He is very knowledgeable."

The 'cheap jack' sailors

By Christopher Lee

THE Royal Navy has been forced in to exploiting cheap Asian labour as part of the Government's latest defence policy.

For Whitehall is to employ Chinese sailors in its Far Eastern ships instead of

British ratings, because the Asians are only paid a third of the Naval wage.

And the decision has been taken at a time when Merchant Navy shipowners are being told by the Government to stop using low paid Asian crews.

The deal between White-

hall and the Hong Kong Government has been worked out to keep five Royal Navy ships based in Hong Kong.

But if Whitehall and Government House are satisfied, Naval ratings are not. For the Colony is regarded as one of the last plum overseas postings.



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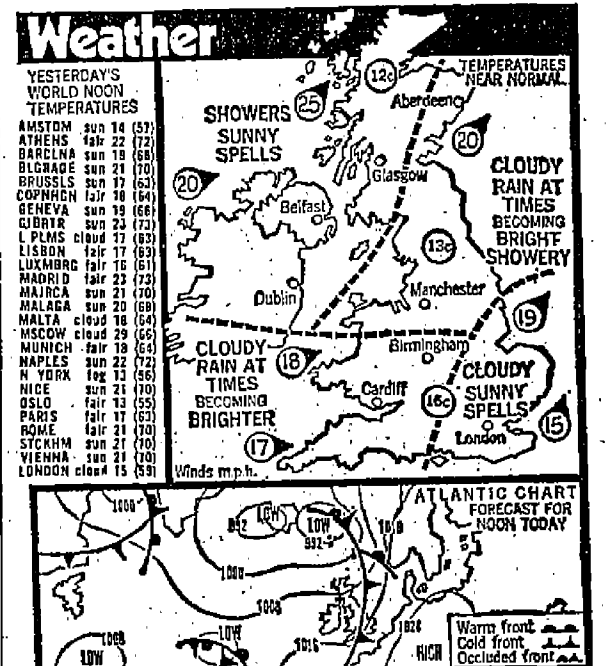
But there will be no royalty aboard the British Airways inaugural flight to the United States.

There had been speculation that Prince Charles might be aboard.

The arrival of the British

and French Concorde at Dulles Airport within minutes of each other next Monday will be the start of the supersonic plane's 18-month American trial.

The British Airways Concorde, piloted by Captain Brian Baker, aged 42, will take off from Heathrow at 1.01 p.m. and the Air France Concorde will leave Paris seven minutes later.



Moon rises 12.21 a.m. on Tuesday, sets 9.45 a.m. Sun sets 8.48 p.m., rises 5.04 a.m. tomorrow. Lighting-up time: 9.10 p.m. to 4.34 a.m. tomorrow. High water at Dover: 2.21 p.m. and 2.38 a.m. tomorrow. London: 5.17 p.m. and 5.44 a.m. tomorrow.

TODAY: Cloudy, some sunny spells, and rain in places.

OUTLOOK: Sunny with showers in the North and West.

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR TO 6 P.M. YESTERDAY: — Warmest place in Britain: Jersey, Channel Islands, 19.0 60°F. Coldest: Aberdeen Airport, 10.34°F. Sunniest: Folkestone, 14.3 hrs. Wettest: Rhuvall, Isle of Islay, Scotland, 79in.



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